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FAA to Implement New Nighttime Route

LAKE ARROWHEAD—The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has notified San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford and other officials that the agency plans to implement a new nighttime route on April 26 to address residents' concerns about commercial aircraft noise.

"Hopefully, the new route will lessen the impacts of the FAA's poor decision to reroute flights over Lake Arrowhead last year," Rutherford said. "But we aren't spiking the football yet. We have to continue working to encourage the FAA to make additional changes to fully address residents' concerns about commercial jets buzzing their community."

The FAA implemented the SoCal Metroplex Project last spring. It replaced dozens of conventional air routes with ones based on satellite navigation. One of the routes takes planes over the Lake Arrowhead communities, which are more than 5,000 feet above sea level.

In January, FAA officials attended a Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council meeting to announce the agency was working on rerouting the night flights. Supervisor Rutherford met with FAA officials in Washington, D.C. in March to continue discussions about noise problems the mountain communities have experienced since the new route was implemented.